

Lee Oswald Didn't Kill Pres. Kennedy

Attorney Mark Lane, a former East Harlem Assemblyman and a prominent member of the New York Bar, has been travelling throughout the United States and Europe, attacking the case against Lee Harvey Oswald, the slayer of President Kennedy and the actions of the Warren Commission which is investigating the slaying.

Lane, in addressing his various audiences, declines to speculate on who killed the President. Instead, Lane confines himself to poking holes in the case against Oswald as outlined by the Dallas District Attorney Henry Wade and some FBI agents.

Lane points out that the persons conducting the investigation kept switching their statements about the murder weapon and the medical findings.

He also stresses the discrepancy between Oswald's actual physical appearance and the description given to the Dallas police by an actual eyewitness to the murder of patrolman J. T. Tripoli, who described the cop-killer as a "short, somewhat stocky man with bushy hair."

Lane claims that he has the depositions and sworn statements of fifteen witnesses who say they heard four or five shots in front of the Presidential limousine. The FBI and the Dallas police stoutly maintain that Oswald fired three rifle shots from a window of the Texas Book Depository Building which the Presidential car had already passed at the time of the assassination. Lane firmly believes that more than one person was involved in the killing.

While Lane believes that Oswald was innocent, he is honest enough to admit that he doubts he will be able to exonerate him beyond a shadow of doubt. He contends that the FBI, the Secret Service and the Dallas police have intimidated a number of witnesses who contradict the "accepted" version of the killing. Lane points out that a young man who gave him valuable information, later "jumped" from a window of the Dallas jail and is now in a prison hospital cannot have any visitors. Another witness who gave Lane an affidavit is recovering from a mysterious wound in the back and a girl who worked for J. Ruby, the convicted killer Oswald, committed suicide hanging herself. Lane has completely abandoned his legal practice and is devoting all of his time to the wild case. He firmly believes that Ruby killed an innocent man.

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Members of Ruby's family were with him when he died on the seventh floor of the sprawling Dallas hospital.

His sister, Mrs. Eva Grant, came out of the room and told a reporter "Jack is dead."

Justice of the Peace W. E. Richburg was summoned to the hospital to pronounce Ruby dead.

Ruby died on a chill, windy, winter morning. It was a hot, muggy day in Dallas when Oswald was killed with a single shot from Ruby's .33-caliber revolver—two days after Oswald killed the President with a high-powered rifle from the sixth floor of the Texas Schoolbook Depository Building.

Ruby was reported conscious and still alert Monday. "He just went to sleep" today, a hospital source said.



JACK RUBY

Ruby Dies Of Cancer

DALLAS (UPI) — Jack Ruby, the killer of presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, died of cancer today in the same hospital where both President Kennedy and Oswald died three years ago.

Parkland Hospital announced that Ruby sank into a coma and died at 10:30 a.m. CST (11:30 a.m. EST) of the widespread cancer discovered in his body last month.

Hospital Assistant Administrator Peter Geilich said he had no further details. He scheduled a news conference for 2 p.m. CST (3 p.m. EST).

Ruby was the last vital link with the assassination of President Kennedy, and he went to his death with controversy still swirling over the presidential murder.

One of his last acts was to deny, in a secretly made tape recording from his hospital bed, that there was any conspiracy involved in the killing of Oswald.